

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).

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Treasury, }  
13 June 1883. }

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LEONARD COURTNEY.

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(*Mr. Lewis.*)

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— No. 1. —

National Education Commissioners, Ireland, to Treasury.

Office of National Education, Dublin.

26 April 1883.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commissioners of National Education to transmit, for the information of the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, copies of a correspondence that has recently passed between the Chief Secretary for Ireland and this Board, on the important subject of extending the provisions for the supply of trained teachers for public elementary schools, by encouraging and facilitating the establishment of training colleges on the basis of the English system; also a copy of the bye-laws adopted by the Commissioners for the control of the colleges, in pursuance of the proposals of the Irish Government.

It is not, of course, possible at present to forecast with any degree of certainty the number of institutions that may apply for aid under the scheme within the present financial year. Difficulties and delays are likely to arise in conforming to the conditions. Hence the Commissioners do not anticipate claims on more than about 100 male students and 200 female students, which, as only two instalments will be payable within the current financial year, would involve charges of 2,400 *l.* in the total for the males, and 3,200 *l.* in the total for females, 5,600 *l.* for all.

The Commissioners presume that their Lordships have been prepared by the Government for receiving an application from this Board for sanction of the charges that may arise within the current financial year under the scheme, according to the terms suggested in Mr. Trevelyan's letter of the 6th March 1883, and they ask to be now favoured with a statement of their Lordships' approval of the estimated expenditure.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Wm. H. Newell.*

The Secretary,  
Treasury Chambers, London.

*Note.*—The Enclosures to this letter were laid before the House of Commons on the 26th April last, No. 144.

— No. 2. —

Treasury to National Education Commissioners, Ireland.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Treasury Chambers, 3 May 1883.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury direct me to state, in reply to Mr. Newell's letter of the 26th ultimo, that they have been in correspondence since February last with the Irish Government on the subject of establishing

establishing training colleges for teachers in Ireland on the English system, and they desire that you will submit your proposals for expenditure, in connection with this scheme, through the medium of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and not directly, for the sanction of this Department.

Their Lordships would take this opportunity of stating, however, that they have expressed a general concurrence in the views of the Irish Government as explained in the Chief Secretary's letter to your Board of the 6th March last. At the same time, their Lordships trust that any charge which may be incurred during the current year on account of these training colleges, will be met out of savings on the Education Vote, without the aid of a Supplementary Grant; one means of economy being the gradual conversion of the existing Model Schools into National Schools.

The Commissioners of  
National Education, Dublin.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Leonard Courtney.*

— No. 3. —

RESOLUTION of the National Education Commissioners, Ireland.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of National Education held on the 22nd May 1883, a letter, dated the 3rd May, from the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury was submitted, on which the Commissioners made the following Order:—

THAT the Secretary, as directed by the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, submit the Estimate for the Training Colleges through His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and acquaint his Excellency, in reference to the last paragraph in the Treasury letter, that the Commissioners of National Education are of opinion that it would be highly injudicious to interfere with so important an element in the national system of education as the Model Schools, and that it would tend to embarrass the inauguration of the proposed Training Colleges.

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in support of Model Schools, and of Disposal  
thereof such Communications thereto.

(*Mr. Levee.*)

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